GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration & Stamps Department – Surprise Check conducted on the Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban on 12.07.2017 – Allegations of Corruption – Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sr.Asst., Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE–II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.397 **Dated:27.05.2022**
Read:

G.O.Ms.No.416, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dated:27-05-2022.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban in accordance with the procedure laid in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban is directed to submit his written statement of defense, within seven days of the receipt of this order.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sr.Asst., Sub Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) **through** the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kadapa. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kadapa.
Copy to
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
SF / SC.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI AVULA RANGANATH BABU, SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB-REGISTRAR, URBAN, KADAPA

IN SC NO. 2-DSC-KDP-2017

That Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, S/o A. Rangappa, 43 yrs Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban (hereinafter referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 19.06.2013 to 12.07.2017 i.e. date of Surprise check committed grave misconduct in as much as.

Charge- 1 :

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, is unable to account for the cash of Rs. 5200/- which was found in the possession of Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar private computer operator working in the SRO of Kadapa Urban and an amount of Rs.4000/- which was found in the possession of Sri Mandala Viswanath, private computer operator working in the SRO of Kadapa Urban on the date of Surprise Check.

Charge 2:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Unaccounted cash of Rs. 56,050/- collected as a bribe/illegal gratifications from claimants on behalf of Sub-Registrar and staff which was found in possession of 15 document writers/Asst. Document Writers who were present in the Sub-Registrar Office to pay the bribe amount to the officials of the registration office at the time of Surprise Check.

Charge 3:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, during the surprise check, an unaccounted amount of Rs. 8000/- was found behind the steel almirah kept in front of the table of the Government Servant and an amount of Rs.4080/- was found in the LAN Box in the computer room and neither the Government Servant nor the remaining staff or any private person has claimed or accounted for the above-mentioned cash and there by he violated the Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad.

Charge 4:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, engaged two private persons viz. Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar and Sri Mandala Viswanath stated during the surprise check in the presence of the mediators that they have been engaged by the two Joint Sub-Registers for the past two years by paying an amount of Rs.500/-per day for assisting them in the office work and for collecting mamools from the parties and handing over the same to the Sub-Registrar officials and daily wages are being met from the mamool amount collected from the Document Writers/ Asst. Document Writers and also safekeeping the bribe amount collected from the document writers/assistant document writers.

Charge 5:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, the 15 Document writers/Assistant Document Writers present in the O/o. Sub- Registrar, Kadapa stated during the surprise check in the presence of the mediators that on being approached by the clients, they used to prepare documents. For registering those documents and for getting ECs, valuation certificates etc., the staff of the registrar office would be demanding a bribe of Rs.300/- to 2000/- for each document. On the date of the surprise check, they were present in the Sub-Registrar Office to pay the bribe amount to the officials of the registration office when the ACB officials conducted a surprise check.

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Charge 6:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sri Shekar stated that he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa on 12.07.2017 for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and the latter collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO.

Charge – 7.

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain stated that he came to the Sub Registrar office on 12.07.2017 for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, the latter accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO.

Thereby the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, while working as Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban violated circular instructions issued vide Memo No. X3/18180/95 dt.10.09.1996 and Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad.

Thus, Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, while working as Senior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban by his above-mentioned acts exhibited a lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government thereby violated/contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and liable to be placed on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries (COI).

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI AVULA RANGANATH BABU, SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB-REGISTRAR URBAN, KADAPA

That Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, S/o A. Rangappa is a native of Jammalamadugu, YSR District. His date of birth is 01.02.1977. He joined in Government service on 01.01.2003 as Junior Assistant and worked at Muddanur, Vempalli, Jammalamadugu. He was promoted as Senior Assistant on 19.06.2013 and worked at Kadapa in the O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban from 19.06.2013 to 12.07.2017 i.e. date of Surprise check. He is drawing a basic pay of Rs. 29,760/- as of 12.07.2017 in the scale pay of Rs. Rs.22,460/- to Rs.66,330/-. He will retire on 31.01.2037 after attaining the age of superannuation. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant.

Facts of the Case:

On 12.07.2017, at about 3.50 PM a Surprice Check was conducted in the O/o Registrar, Kadapppa Urban, Kadapa Town, located in the Old Govt. General Hospital (Old RIMS). In the total of 02 Joint Sub-Registrars, 02 Senior Assistants, 3 Junior Assistants, 02 Office Sub-ordinates, 1 Outsourcing Junior Asst. and 02 Private persons working in Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban, 15 Document Writers / Assistant Document Writers and 5 customers who came for their works are present in the office at the time of search by the ACB team.

Sub-Registrar Office Regular and Private Employees:

1. Sri Bodicherla Nagaraja Rao, S/o Krishnappa, Aged 58 yrs, Joint Sub-Registrar-1, Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa, R/o Door No.B-406, Silpa Sadan Apartment, beside S.P.Bungalow, Kadapa, n/o Padamatikona village, Chinnamandem (m), YSR Dist. Cell No.9246940918, 7093921612.
2. Sri Velpula Jaya Kumar, S/o late Ananda Rao, Age 58 yrs., Joint Sub-Registrar-2, Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa urban, r/o Door NO.1/379, Maruthi Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9618153863.
3. Sri Dandu Venkata Subba Reddy, S/o late Obula Reddy, Age 49 yrs., Sr. Asst., O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa, R/o 65/85-2, near Ambabavani temple, Akkayapalli, Kadapa town, Cell No.944067726.
4. Sri Avula Ranganath, S/o Rangappa, Age 40 yrs., Sr. Asst. O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa urban, r/o Veedegapet street, Jammalamadugu, YSR District, Cell No.9949123557.
5. Sri Yenamala Venkata Ramana, S/o Vengaiah, Age 48 yrs., Jr.Asst., O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa Urban, R/o Door No.20/31-1-1, Akula street, Kadapa, Cell No.9885978261.
6. Sri Annam Siva Sankar, S/o late A.Rangaiah Setty, Age 57 yrs., Jr.Asst., O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa Urban, R/o Door No.7/480, NGO colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9989877235.
7. Sri Kadimella Reddaiah Raju, S/o Narayana Raju, Age 38 yrs., Jr.Asst., Stamp Depot, O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa, R/o Door No.43/137-1-2, Prakash Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.8978301646.
8. Sri Shaik Masthan Valli, S/o late Aswak Hussain, age 23 yrs., Shroff, O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa, R/o Door No.50/210-2, Ravindrnagar Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.7893502710.
9. Sri Kokala Srinivasulu, S/o late Lakshmaiah, Age 43 yrs, Office Subordinate, O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa Urban, R/o Door No.2/17, Srihari Rao street, Nagarajupeta, Kadapa.
10. Smt. Kola Subbalakshumma, W/o late Lakkisetty Srinivasulu, Age 41 yrs., Office Subordinate, O/o Sub-Registrar office, Kadapa Urban, R/o Door No.1/1361, Poosalaveedhi, Yerramukkapalli, Kadapa, Cell No.8331944997

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Private Persons working in the office:

1. Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar, S/o late Sudarshan, Age 33 yrs., Private Computer Operator, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o Door No.8/160, Prakash Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9618240533.
2. Mandala Viswanth, S/o Rama Mohan, Age 31 yrs. Private Computer Operator, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.2/726-1, Nagarajupeta, Kadapa, Cell No.9000092151.

Document Writers/Assistant Document Writers:-

1. Sri Basetty Mahesh Kumar, S/o Late Prabhakar Rao, Age 40 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o NGO colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9441323588. He is working for 10 yrs.
2. Sri Machaiahgari Mallesu, S/o late Mallesu, Age 49 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.73/123, Rama Manohar Lohiya Nagar, Ramrajupalli, Kadapa town, Cell No.9299807293. He is working since 1991
3. Sri Gaddam Gangaiah Yadav, S/o G.N.Gangaiah, Age 37 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhagyanagar Colony, Kadapa, Cell No.90034442. He is working for 6 years.
4. Sri Shaik, Ashmith Ali, S/o Abdul Raheem, Age 35 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.11/498, Muthyala Ramaiah street, Kadapa, Cell No.7893827511. He is working for 3 years.
5. Sri Panga Viswanath, S/o Ramaiah, Age 38 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Venu, Document Writers, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhavani Nagar, Kadapa Cell No.9000384179. He is working for 5 years.
6. Sri Nallabothula Srikanth, S/o Narayana, Age 23 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Subbarayudu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.1/942, Yerramukkapali, Kadapa, Cell No.9440613701. He is working for 2 years.
7. Sri Kathi Veeranarayana, S/o Rosaiah, Age 30 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.31/57-2, Devuni Kadapa, Cell No.9052292455. He is working for 5 yrs.,
8. Sri Jetti Venkata Subbaiah, S/o Venkateswarlu, Age 37 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mohammed Rafi, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Mydukur, YSR Dist. He is working for 4 years.
9. Sri Avilala Akhil Theja, S/o Chengaiah Yadav, Age 22 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Sudhakar, Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o Door No.7/61, M.R.Palli, Tirupati, Cell No.7842327216. He is working for 3 months.
10. Sri Muddam Rama Krishna, S/o Chinnaiah, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.30/12, Ukkayapalli, Kadapa, Cell No.9703005900. He is working for 1 year.
11. Sri Noolu Subbarayudu, S/o Lakshmaiah, Age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Rami Reddy, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.14/674-4, Nakash, Kadapa, Cell No.9573067198. He is working for 1 year.
12. Sri Gajjola Naga Mallesh, S/o Pullaiah, age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, Cell No.970437393. He is working for 4 months
13. Sri Shaik Saleem Basha, S/o Mohammed Basha, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to S.M.Basha, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.10/23-9, Bellary Road, Kadapa, Cell No.9032751193. He is working for 3 yrs.,
14. Sri Kanakadandu Sivaiah, S/o Pedda Veeraiah, Age 25 yrs., Asst. Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa R/o Balijapalli, C.K.Dinne (m), Cell No.9640102136. working for 3 years.
15. Sri Gochi Yellaiah, S/o Yerikalaiah, Age 43 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o K.Ukkayapalli (v), Sidhout (m), Cell No.8008955536.

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Public present in the office:-

1. Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9966888376.
2. Sri E.Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9985590603.
3. Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Cell No.7386605693.
4. Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa, Cell No.8885217647.
5. Sri K. Sekhar, S/o Bala Krishna, Sweeper, O/o Municipal Corporation, Kadapa, R/o Door. No.16/621, Masapeta, Kadapa, Cell No.9052827277.
6. Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain, Age 35 yrs., Driver, R/o Door No.20/887, R.K.Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9440846762.

On physically checking and cross-verification of entries made by the staff in the Personal Cash Declaration Register no excess cash was found in the possession of Regular Employees. In the possession of 2 Private Employees i.e., Manyam Chenchu Sudeep and Mandala Viswanath, an amount of 5200/- and 4000/- respectively is found. Thus a total unaccounted Personal amount of Rs.9200/- is seized from the 2 private persons by the DSP, ACB, Kadapa for taking further action and then duly returned the personal cash of all the employees as the denomination mentioned in the Personal Cash Declaration Register and acknowledged the same.

On physically checking of cash present with the Document Writers/ Assistant Document Writers/ Application Vendors the following amount was found.

1	Sri Basetty Mahesh Kumar, S/o Late Prabhakar Rao, Age 40 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o NGO colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9441323588. He is working for 10 yrs.	7500/-
2	Sri Machaiahgari Mallesu, S/o late Mallesu, Age 49 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.73/123, Rama Manohar Lohiya Nagar, Ramrajupalli, Kadapa town, Cell No.9299807293. He is working since 1991	6,250/-
3	Sri Gaddam Gangaiah Yadav, S/o G.N.Gangaiah, Age 37 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhagyanagar Colony, Kadapa, Cell No.90034442. He is working for 6 years.	12,500/-
4	Sri Shaik, Ashmith Ali, S/o Abdul Raheem, Age 35 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.11/498, Muthyala Ramaiah street, Kadapa, Cell No.7893827511. He is working for 3 years.	5500/-
5	Sri Panga Viswanath, S/o Ramaiah, Age 38 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Venu, Document Writers, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhavani Nagar, Kadapa Cell No.9000384179. He is working for 5 years.	3000/-
6	Sri Nallabothula Srikanth, S/o Narayana, Age 23 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Subbarayudu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.1/942, Yerramukkapali, Kadapa, Cell No.9440613701. He is working for 2 years.	2700/-
7	Sri Kathi Veeranarayana, S/o Rosaiah, Age 30 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.31/57-2, Devuni Kadapa, Cell No.9052292455. He is working for 5 years.	1250/-
8	Sri Jetti Venkata Subbaiah, S/o Venkateswarlu, Age 37 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mohammed Rafi, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Mydukur, YSR Dist. He is working for 4 years.	800/-
9	Sri Avilala Akhil Theja, S/o Chengaiah Yadav, Age 22 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Sudhakar, Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o Door No.7/61, M.R.Palli, Tirupati, Cell No.7842327216. He is working for 3 months.	2750/-
10	Sri Muddam Rama Krishna, S/o Chinnaiah, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.30/12, Ukkayapalli, Kadapa, Cell No.9703005900. He is working for 1 year.	1650/-

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11	Sri Noolu Subbarayudu, S/o Lakshmaiah, Age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Rami Reddy, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.14/674-4, Nakash, Kadapa, Cell No.9573067198. He is working for 1 year.	2150/-
12	Sri Gajjola Naga Mallesh, S/o Pullaiah, age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, Cell No.970437393. He is working for 4 months.	3100/-
13	Sri Shaik Saleem Basha, S/o Mohammed Basha, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to S.M.Basha, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.10/23-9, Bellary Road, Kadapa, Cell No.9032751193. He is working for 3 yrs.,	2900/-
14	Sri Kanakadandu Sivaiah, S/o Pedda Veeraiah, Age 25 yrs., Asst. Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa R/o Balijapalli, C.K.Dinne (m), Cell No.9640102136. working for 3 years.	1550/-
15	Sri Gochi Yellaiah, S/o Yerikalaiah, Age 43 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o K.Ukkayapalli (v), Sidhout (m), Cell No.8008955536.	2450/-
	Total	56,050/-

Then the DSP, ACB, Kadapa instructed his staff to check the premises of the said office. After a thorough check, a wad of currency notes accounting to an amount of Rs. 8000/- was found behind the steel almirah, located in front of the JSR-1 table and an amount of Rs.4080 /- was found in the LAN Box in the computer room. Then the DSP, ACB, Kadapa asked JSR -1 and 2 to offer their explanation regarding the amount found in the JSRs room and computer room, for that they kept silent.

The DSP, ACB cross-verified physical cash present in the counters and it is as follows- Non-Judicial Stamp amount Rs.12,290/-, Special Adhesive Register Stamps amount of Rs.70490/-, Notary amount of Rs.1800/-, Account-D amount of Rs.18,440 /- and Court fee labels of Rs.70 /-, Revenu Stamps amount of Rs. 960/- as of today. Thus as a total of Rs.1,04,050/- with the registers maintained by the Joint Registrar-I were tallied with the physical verification of cash present in the cash draws. Hence, no seizures were made and the same was returned to the joint sub-registrars under their due acknowledgement.

Then DSP, ACB asked Sri B.Nagaraja Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar-I and Sri. V.J.Jayakumar, Joint Sub-Registrar-II to offer their explanation regarding the presence of two Private Employees. On that, they stated that because of the heavy workload they are engaging them by paying an amount of Rs.500/- per day from the bribe amount collected from the Document Writers/Assistant Document Writers. Further, when asked about the presence of Document writers/ Assistant Document Writers and in possession of bribe amount in their possession and about the presence of excess unaccounted amount in the premises of the office, they kept silent with a sign of guilt on their face.

Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of two Private Employees working in the Sub-Registrar office. The gist of their statements is that they have been engaged by the two Joint Sub-Registers for two years by paying an amount of Rs.500/-per day for assisting them in the office work and for collecting mamools. Their day-wages are being met from the mamool amount collected from the Document Writers/ Asst. Document Writers and also for keeping the bribe amount collected from the document writers/ assistant document writers etc., facts.

Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of 15 Document writers/ Assistant Document Writers present in the O/o. Sub- Registrar, Kadapa. 1) Sri Basetty Mahesh Kumar, S/o Late Prabhakar Rao, Age 40 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o NGO colony, Kadapa, 2) Sri Machaiahgari Mallesu, R/o Door No. 73/123, Rama Manohar Lohiya Nagar, Ramrajupalli, Kadapa town, 3) Sri

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Gaddam Gangaiah Yadav, R/o Bhagyanagar Colony, Kadapa, 4) Sri Shaik, Ashmith Ali, R/o Door No.11/498, Muthyala Ramaiah street, Kadapa, 5) Sri Panga Viswanath, R/o Bhavani Nagar, Kadapa, 6) Sri Nallabothula Srikanth, R/o Door No.1/942, Yerramukkapali, Kadapa, 7) Sri Kathi Veeranarayana, R/o Door No.31/57-2, Devuni Kadapa, 8) Sri Jetti Venkata Subbaiah, R/o Mydukur, YSR Dist., 9) Sri Avilala Akhil Theja, R/o Door No.7/61, M.R.Palli, Tirupati, 10) Sri Muddam Rama Krishna, R/o Door No.30/12, Ukkayapalli, Kadapa, 11) Sri Noolu Subbarayudu, R/o Door No.14/674-4, Nakash, Kadapa, 12) Sri Gajjola Naga Mallesh, R/o Yerramukkapali, Kadapa, 13) Sri Shaik Saleem Basha, R/o Door No.10/23-9, Bellary Road, Kadapa, 14) Sri Kanakadandu Sivaiah, R/o Balijapalli, C.K.Dinne (M), and 15) Sri Gochi Yellaiah, S/o Yerikalaiah, Age 43 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o K.Ukkayapalli (v), Sidhout (M). The gist of their statements is that they have been working as stated above by establishing a shed within the compound of the Old Rims just in front of the Sub-Registrar office for the last few years. On the approach of clients, they used to prepare documents and for registering those documents and for getting ECs, Valuation certificates etc., the staff of the registrar office are demanding a bribe of Rs.300/- to 2000/- for each document. For today while they were present in the Sub-Registrar Office to pay bribe amount to the officials of the registration office, the ACB officials conducted a surprise check etc., facts.

Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the registrar office for availing the services of Joint Sub-Registrars. 1) Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa, 2) Sri E.Siva sai Reddy, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, 3) Sri Abdulla, R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, 4) Sri P.Christopher, R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa, 5) Sri K. Sekhar, R/o Door. No.16/621, Masapeta, Kadapa, 6) Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain, R/o Door No.20/887, R.K.Nagar, Kadapa. The gist of their statements is that today while they were present in the office of Sub-Registrar, Kadapa the ACB officials conducted a surprise check and checked the Document Writers / Assistant Document Writers, office Regular and Private employees and also checked the premises of the office and found unaccounted bribe amount etc., facts.

The DSP, ACB, Kadapa seized the Attendance register and Personal cash register duly attested by the mediators and DSP, ACB, Kadapa and the remaining registers were returned to them for further maintenance.

During the surprise check the total amount of Rs. 9200/-from Two Private employees, an amount of Rs. 56,050/-from the DWs/ADWs, an amount of Rs. 12,080/-from the office premises. Thus a total unaccounted excess amount of Rs. 77,330/- was seized by the DSP, ACB, Kadapa for taking further action.

Charge 1:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, is unable to account for the cash of Rs. 5200/- which was found in the possession of Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar private computer operator working in the SRO of Kadapa Urban and an amount of Rs.4000/- which was found in the possession of Sri Mandala Viswanath, private computer operator working in the SRO of Kadapa Urban on the date of Surprise Check.

Basis of the charge:

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

1. Sri Shekar:- He is a resident of Moospeta , Kadapa Town. He is working as a sweeper on a contract basis in Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the

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staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and he collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check and seized excess amount from the SRO staff, SRO premises and private persons and document writers.

2. Sri S.Shamsheer Hussain:- He is working as a driver and living in R.K.Nagar, Kadapa Town. On examination, he stated that on 12.7.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, he later accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check. At the time of surprise check, 10 Govt. Employees of the SRO, two private persons, 16 Document Writers/ Assistant Document Writers and six members of the public were found to be present in the SRO. At the time of the surprise check, ACB officials seized excess amounts from the SRO staff, SRO premises, and private persons and document writers.

The remaining four individuals Sri E.Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa and Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa corroborated the version of the above mentioned two individuals.

On the day of the Surprise check the DSP, ACB, enquired Sri Bodicherlya Nagarajua Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar-I and Sri. V.J.Jayakumar, Joint Sub-Registrar-II to offer their explanation regarding the presence of two Private Employees. On that, they stated that because of the heavy workload they are engaging them by paying an amount of Rs.500/- per day from the bribe amount collected from the Document Writers/Assistant Document Writers.

The DSP, ACB examined two Private Employees working in the Sub-Registrar office. The gist of their statements is that Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudeep and Mandala Viswanath have been engaged by the Joint Sub-Registrars-I & II for two years by paying an amount of 500/- each per day for assisting them in the office work and for collecting mamools i.e., low fees. As usually today Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudeep Kumar (private computer operator working in the SRO) was collected an amount of Rs.5,200/- and Sri Mandala Viswanath (private computer operator working in the SRO) was collected an amount of Rs. 4,000/- from the Document Writers/Assistant Document Writers and those amounts were seized from their possession to intend to give the officials of SRO's and staff. Their day-wages are being met from the mamool amount collected from the Document Writers/ Asst. Document Writers and also for keeping the bribe amount collected from the document writers/ assistant document writers on the day of the Surprise check etc., facts.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged

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officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

Charge 2:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Unaccounted cash of Rs. 56,050/- collected as a bribe/illegal gratifications from claimants on behalf of Sub-Registrar and staff which was found in possession of 15 document writers/Asst. Document Writers who were present in the Sub-Registrar Office to pay the bribe amount to the officials of the registration office at the time of Surprise Check.

Basis of the charge:

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

1. Sri Shekar:- He is a resident of Masapeta , Kadapa Town. He is working as a sweeper on a contract basis in Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and he collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check and seized excess amount from the SRO staff, SRO premises and private persons and document writers.

2. Sri S.Shamsheer Hussain:- He is working as a driver and living in R.K.Nagar, Kadapa Town. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, later accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check. At the time of surprise check, 10 Govt. Employees of the SRO, two private persons, 16 Document Writers/ Assistant Document Writers and six members of the public were found to be present in the SRO. At the time of the surprise check, ACB officials seized excess amounts from the SRO staff, SRO premises, and private persons and document writers.

The remaining four individuals Sri E.Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa and Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa corroborated the version of the above mentioned two individuals.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the

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normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

The DSP, ACB, enquired Sri B. Nagaraja Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar-I and Sri V.Jaya Kumar, Joint Sub-Registrar-II to offer their explanation regarding the presence of Document Writers/Assistant Document writers and in possession of bribe amount in their possession and about the presence of excess unaccounted amount in the premises of the office, they kept silent with a sign of guilt in their face.

The DSP, ACB examined 15 Document writers/ Assistant Document writers present in the O/o Sub-Registrar, Kadapa Urban. The gist of their statements is that they have been working as Document Writers/Assistant Document writers by establishing a shed within the compound of the Old Rims just in front of the Sub-Registrar office for the last few years. On the approach of clients, they used to prepare documents and for registering those documents and for getting ECs, Valuation certificates etc., the staff of the registrar office are demanding a bribe of Rs.300/- to 2000/- for each document. As usually today while they were present in the Sub-Registrar Office intended to give mamools collected from the claimants. Meanwhile, the ACB officials conducted a surprise check on the O/o SRO, Kadapa Urban and seized the unaccounted cash from their possession etc., facts.

Charge 3:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, during the surprise check, an unaccounted amount of Rs. 8000/- was found behind the steel almirah kept in front of the table of the Government Servant and an amount of Rs.4080/- was found in the LAN Box in the computer room and neither the Government Servant nor the remaining staff or any private person has claimed or accounted for the above-mentioned cash and there by he violated the Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad.

Basis of the charge :

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- The DSP, ACB, Kadapa along with his staff physically checked the premises of the O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban an amount of Rs.8,000/- was found behind the steel almirah, located in front of the JSR-1 table in the main hall and an amount of Rs.4,080/- was found in the LAN Box in the computer room on the search of the SRO office premises and it is unaccounted by the SRO and his staff. The said amount was seized by the Dy. Superintendent of Police, ACB, Kadapa. The statement of document writers, assistant document writers and mediators prove the said aspect.

The DSP, ACB, enquired Sri Bodicherla Nagaraja Rao, Sub-Registrar-I and Sri V.Jaya Kumar, Sub-Registrar-II to offer their explanation regarding the unaccounted amount in the premises of the O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Kadapa Urban, they kept silent with a sign of guilt on their face.

As per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad, it was instructed that in all cases of surprise checks where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office or with any unauthorized person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is the illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties.

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Therefore the onus of disproving the same will be on the Joint Sub Registrar –1 Sri B.Nagaraja Rao and JSR-II Sri V.Jaya Kumar and their subordinates (SO-1 to SO-10) and the total unaccounted cash of Rs. 65,250/- found available with aforesaid 15 Document writers and Asst. Document writers and two private computer operators must be presumed to be the cash collected as bribe/illegal amount intended for the Joint Sub Registrar –1 Sri B.Nagaraja Rao and JSR-II Sri V.Jaya Kumar and their subordinates that was collected from the parties who came to the SRO for registration and the unattended/unclaimed cash of Rs. 8000/- found behind the steel almirah kept in front of the JSR-1 table and the unattended/unclaimed cash of Rs.4080 /- found in the LAN Box in the computer room must be presumed to be the bribe collected from the parties who came to the SRO for registration.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

Charge 4:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, engaged two private persons viz. Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar and Sri Mandala Viswanath stated during the surprise check in the presence of the mediators that they have been engaged by the two Joint Sub-Registers for the past two years by paying an amount of Rs.500/-per day for assisting them in the office work and for collecting mamools from the parties and handing over the same to the Sub-Registrar officials and daily wages are being met from the mamool amount collected from the Document Writers/ Asst. Document Writers and also safekeeping the bribe amount collected from the document writers/assistant document writers.

Basis of the charge :

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

1. Sri Shekar:- He is a resident of Masapeta , Kadapa Town. He is working as a sweeper on a contract basis in Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and he collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check and seized excess amount from the SRO staff, SRO premises and private persons and document writers.

2. Sri S.Shamsheer Hussain:- He is working as a driver and living in R.K.Nagar, Kadapa Town. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, later accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as

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commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check. At the time of surprise check, 10 Govt. Employees of the SRO, two private persons, 16 Document Writers/ Assistant Document Writers and six members of the public were found to be present in the SRO. At the time of the surprise check, ACB officials seized excess amounts from the SRO staff, SRO premises, and private persons and document writers.

The remaining four individuals Sri E. Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa and Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa corroborated the version of the above mentioned two individuals.

The DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of two Private Employees working in the Sub-Registrar office. The gist of their statements is that they have been engaged by the two Joint Sub-Registers for two years by paying an amount of Rs.500/-per day for assisting them in the office work and for collecting mamools i.e., low fees. As usually today they both collected Rs.9,200/- from the claimants/document writers to intend to give the officials of SRO's and staff. Their day-wages are being met from the mamool amount collected from the Document Writers/ Asst. Document Writers and also for keeping the bribe amount collected from the document writers/ assistant document writers etc., facts.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

Charge 5:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, the 15 Document writers/Assistant Document Writers present in the O/o. Sub- Registrar, Kadapa stated during the surprise check in the presence of the mediators that on being approached by the clients, they used to prepare documents. For registering those documents and for getting ECs, valuation certificates etc., the staff of the registrar office would be demanding a bribe of Rs.300/- to 2000/- for each document. On the date of the surprise check, they were present in the Sub-Registrar Office to pay the bribe amount to the officials of the registration office when the ACB officials conducted a surprise check.

Basis of the charge:

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

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1. Sri Shekar:- He is a resident of Masapeta , Kadapa Town. He is working as a sweeper on a contract basis in Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and he collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check and seized excess amount from the SRO staff, SRO premises and private persons and document writers.

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Then the DSP, ACB examined and recorded the statements of 15 Document writers/ Assistant Document Writers present in the O/o. Sub- Registrar, Kadapa. The gist of their statements is that they have been working as stated above by establishing a shed within the compound of the Old Rims just in front of the Sub-Registrar office for the last few years. On the approach of claimants, they used to prepare documents and for registering those documents and for getting ECs, Valuation certificates etc., the staff of the registrar office are demanding a bribe of Rs.300/- to 2000/- for each document. As usually today they came to the SRO office intended to give mamools collected from the claimants. Meanwhile, ACB officials conducted a surprise check on the O/o SRO, Kadapa Urban etc., facts.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

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Charge 6:

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sri Shekar stated that he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa on 12.07.2017 for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and the latter collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO.

Basis of the charge :

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

1. Sri Shekar:- He is a resident of Masapeta , Kadapa Town. He is working as a sweeper on a contract basis in Municipal Corporation, Kadapa. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office, Kadapa for purchasing stamps for applying for a loan from the municipality. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet a private person named Sri Manyam Chenchu Sudheer. On the instruction of staff of the SRO, he met Sri Sudheer and he collected 300/- excess amount as that amount had to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check and seized excess amount from the SRO staff, SRO premises and private persons and document writers.

The remaining four individuals Sri E. Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa and Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa corroborated the version of the above mentioned two individuals.

The following is the documentary evidence for proving the charge:- The statements of the above persons and (i) Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban (ii) Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of Commissioner & I.G (R&S), A.P, Hyderabad which reveals that "with regard to the punishment provisions on the employees, who was found with an unaccounted amount with them or in the premises of the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is an illegal amount obtained as a bribe from the parties, therefore, the onus of disproving the same will be on the charged officer" (iii) Memo No. X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to prevention of entry of private persons/Document writers into Sub-Registrar offices (iv) Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P with regard to instructions not to engage outsiders for official purpose or private work and the surprise check proceedings.

Charge – 7.

That the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain stated that he came to the Sub Registrar office on 12.07.2017 for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, the latter accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO.

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Basis of the charge :

The following is the evidence to prove the charge:- During the surprise check proceedings, the DSP, ACB recorded the statements of six individuals who came to the SRO for availing the services of joint sub-registrars i.e.,

Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain:- He is working as a driver and living in R.K. Nagar, Kadapa Town. On examination, he stated that on 12.07.2017 he came to the Sub Registrar office for E.C. When he met the staff of the registrar office, they asked him to meet one private person named Sri Vishwanath. When he met Sri Viswanath, later accepted his applications and collected Rs. 300/- excess amount as commission to be given to the SRs and the staff of SRO. While he was present in the Sub-Registrar office, ACB officials conducted a surprise check. At the time of surprise check, 10 Govt. Employees of the SRO, two private persons, 16 Document Writers/ Assistant Document Writers and six members of the public were found to be present in the SRO. At the time of the surprise check, ACB officials seized excess amounts from the SRO staff, SRO premises, and private persons and document writers etc., facts.

The remaining four individuals Sri E. Siva Sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No. 7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No. 9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Sri P. Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa and Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa corroborated the version of the above mentioned two individuals.

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Thus, the Government Servant Sri Avula Ranganath Babu, by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by violated circular instructions issued vide Memo No. X3/18180/95 Dt. 01.09.1996 and Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94 Dt. 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government Servant had therefore rendered himself to placed on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiry (COI).

Hence the charges.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI AVULA RANGANATH BABU, SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB-REGISTRAR URBAN, KADAPA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Surprise Check Proceedings Dt. 12.07.2017 drafted in the office of the Sub-Registrar Urban, Kadapa.
2. The statements of witnesses during the surprise check proceedings.
3. Circular Memo No.X3/18180/95, Dt. 01.09.1996 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad
4. Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94, Dt. 30.12.1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad
5. Circular Memo No. X1/3945/07, Dt. 02.05.2007 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad.
6. Memo No. X3/9743/95, Dt. 10.04.1995 of the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P
7. Letter No. E1/626/2017 Dt. 21.07.2017 of District Registrar, Kadapa, YSR District i.e duties and responsibilities of the employees, who are working at SRO, Kadapa Urban
8. Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4 dt.17-4-2001 of Govt. of AP, General Administration Dept (Spl. B).
9. The attendance register.
10. The personal cash register.

If any record/document found to be relevant will be produced.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI AVULA RANGANATH BABU, SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB-REGISTRAR URBAN, KADAPA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSATAINED.

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1. Gudla Pramod Reddy, S/o G. Adinarayana Reddy, Veterinary Asst.Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Kopparthi, Vallur (m), YSR District, R/o Door No.7/326, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Cell No.99499553341.(Mediator -1)
2. Sri Bandi Vengala Chandrasekhar, S/o B.Venganna, Office Superintendent, O/o Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Kadapa, R/o Door No.1/1193-6, Yerramukkapalli, Kadapa, Cell No.9247270944. (Mediator-2)
3. Sri Basetty Mahesh Kumar, S/o Late Prabhakar Rao, Age 40 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o NGO colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9441323588. He is working for 10 yrs.
4. Sri Machaiahgari Mallesu, S/o late Mallesu, Age 49 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.73/123, Rama Manohar Lohiya Nagar, Ramrajupalli, Kadapa town, Cell No.9299807293. He is working since 1991
5. Sri Gaddam Gangaiah Yadav, S/o G.N.Gangaiah, Age 37 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhagyanagar Colony, Kadapa, Cell No.90034442. He is working for 6 years.
6. Sri Shaik, Ashmith Ali, S/o Abdul Raheem, Age 35 yrs., Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.11/498, Muthyala Ramaiah street, Kadapa, Cell No.7893827511. He is working for 3 years.
7. Sri Panga Viswanath, S/o Ramaiah, Age 38 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Venu, Document Writers, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Bhavani Nagar, Kadapa Cell No.9000384179. He is working for 5 years.
8. Sri Nallabothula Srikanth, S/o Narayana, Age 23 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Subbarayudu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.1/942, Yerramukkapali, Kadapa, Cell No.9440613701. He is working for 2 years.
9. Sri Kathi Veeranarayana, S/o Rosaiah, Age 30 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.31/57-2, Devuni Kadapa, Cell No.9052292455. He is working for 5 yrs.,
10. Sri Jetti Venkata Subbaiah, S/o Venkateswarlu, Age 37 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mohammed Rafi, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Mydukur, YSR Dist. He is working for 4 years.
11. Sri Avilala Akhil Theja, S/o Chengaiah Yadav, Age 22 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Sudhakar, Document Writer, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o Door No.7/61, M.R.Palli, Tirupati, Cell No.7842327216. He is working for 3 months.
12. Sri Muddam Rama Krishna, S/o Chinnaiah, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document writer to Sri K.Obulesu, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.30/12, Ukkayapalli, Kadapa, Cell No.9703005900. He is working for 1 year.
13. Sri Noolu Subbarayudu, S/o Lakshmaiah, Age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Rami Reddy, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.14/674-4, Nakash, Kadapa, Cell No.9573067198. He is working for 1 year.
14. Sri Gajjola Naga Mallesh, S/o Pullaiah, age 29 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Sri Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, Cell No.970437393. He is working for 4 months
15. Sri Shaik Saleem Basha, S/o Mohammed Basha, Age 26 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to S.M.Basha, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.10/23-9, Bellary Road, Kadapa, Cell No.9032751193. He is working for 3 yrs.,
16. Sri Kanakadandu Sivaiah, S/o Pedda Veeraiah, Age 25 yrs., Asst. Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer, O/o SRO, Kadapa R/o Balijapalli, C.K.Dinne (m), Cell No.9640102136. working for 3 years.
17. Sri Gochi Yellaiah, S/o Yerikalaiah, Age 43 yrs., Asst.Document Writer to Mallesh, Document Writer O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o K.Ukkayapalli (v), Sidhout (m), Cell No.8008955536.

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18.Sri Mannem Chenchu Sudheer Kumar, S/o late Sudarshan, Age 33 yrs., Private Computer Operator, O/o SRO Kadapa, R/o Door No.8/160, Prakash Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9618240533.
19.Mandala Viswanth, S/o Rama Mohan, Age 31 yrs. Private Computer Operator, O/o SRO, Kadapa, R/o Door No.2/726-1, Nagarajupeta, Kadapa, Cell No.9000092151.
20.Sri Panthula Chandra Rajesh, S/o Purushotham, Age 51 yrs., Statistical Asst., Medical & Health Dept., Kadapa R/o Door No.4/325, Om Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9966888376.
21.Sri E.Siva sai Reddy, S/o Uma Maheswara Reddy, age 17 yrs., Student, R/o Door No.7/472-3-3, Bhagyanagar colony, Kadapa, Cell No.9985590603.
22.Sri Abdulla, S/o Alla Bakash, Age 21 yrs., R/o Door No.9/612-1, Agadi street, Kadapa, Cell No.7386605693.
23.Sri P.Christopher, S/o Chinna Pullaiah, Age 59 yrs., R/o Door No.36/256-72, Chinnachowk, Kadapa, Cell No.8885217647.
24.Sri K. Sekhar, S/o Bala Krishna, Sweeper, O/o Municipal Corporation, Kadapa, R/o Door. No.16/621, Masapeta, Kadapa, Cell No.9052827277.
25.Sri S. Shamsheer Hussain, Age 35 yrs., Driver, R/o Door No.20/887, R.K.Nagar, Kadapa, Cell No.9440846762.
26.Sri N.Nagaraju, DSP,ACB, Kadapa
27.Sri K.Ramachandra, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kadapa
28.Sri. M. Sudhakara Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kadapa

Any witness found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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